



# CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH

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## ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD

### Meeting Minutes: March 5, 2009

Present: Guido, Marquez, Mootchnik, Rice, Schaaf, Smith  
Absent: Marshall  
City Staff: Rosemary Medel, Aaron Klemm  
Commission: Barbara Delgleize  
Liaisons: None  
Public: Sue Gordon  
Guests: None

#### I. Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting started at 6:35 PM.

#### II. Approval of Minutes

The Board approved the minutes for the February 5, 2009 meeting.

#### III. Public Comments

None

#### IV. Action Items:

1. Aaron Klemm, HB Energy Project Manager, gave an update on the Energy and Sustainability programs for Huntington Beach. An Ad Hoc Green committee will have its first meeting on March 10, 2009. The committee will discuss AB 811 and 1709, the Earth Hour, the HB Green Score Card, the American Recovery and Re-investment Act, and the Environmentally Preferred purchasing policy. Mr. Klemm reviewed the energy savings HB has already accomplished, and future energy reduction programs that will be implemented. He informed the EB that the HB Goes Green website will be rolled out March 13, 2009. It will include the Green Score Card championed by the EB.
2. Environmental Assessment No. 08-005 (Hoag Hospital Expansion) (Guido, Rice, Smith):  
The project involves the construction of a 46,895 sq. ft. addition to an existing 52,177 sq. ft. medical office building. It also includes a 4-level 464 space parking structure, reconfiguration of the existing main driveway, closure of an existing drive approach on Beach Boulevard, and construction of a new drive approach on Beach Boulevard.

The following are comments/concerns of the Board

- a. There is a lost oil well beneath the property. Mitigation steps were included in case the well was run into during construction.
- b. LEED items should be included in the project. It appears that no attention was paid to Green options.
- c. Section VI did not seem to be defined. Typically, Section VI is the Traffic section. Traffic is discussed but there is not a section heading. This is probably a typo.
- d. It is recommended that more landscaping be included in the development.

Bob Smith will prepare a draft letter and Chairman Guido will then submit the final version to City Council.

3. Water Quality Update – The Governor has declared a statewide drought. He is encouraging desalination and water recycling projects. Duncan Lee will be speaking at the next EB meeting on the subject. This topic title will be changed to Water Conservation, Supply, and Sustainability for future meetings.
4. Review of Topics within the Board's Purview – The HB Police Dept. has started a program where people can bring in waste pharmaceuticals for proper disposal.
5. General Plan/Circulation Element/Traffic Level Ratings – The Planning Commission held a Study Session on traffic and the circulation element update on March 4, 2009. They discussed installing smart red lights along the Beach/Edinger Corridor along with super buses circulating around HB. At the moment, there is mostly studies going forward. The circulation element update will probably not be completed until Spring, 2010.
6. Golden West College Open Space – To be dropped from future agendas.
7. Environmental sub-committee reports:
  - a. Energy/Green – (Mootchnik, Guido, Smith, Marshall). Two projects will get awards for installing green items in their homes. One award is for new construction and the other will be for home improvements.
  - b. Liquid/Solid Waste – (Justice, Schaaf, Soutner, Marquez). No update
  - c. Business and Public Education – (Smith, Soutner, Rice, Marquez). No update
  - d. Environmental Awards – (Smith, Marshall, Guido). No Update

**V. Information Items:**

1. Potential Speakers at upcoming meeting
  - a. Duncan Lee of Public Works will discuss the Water Gem program at the April EB meeting.
  - b. Janis Mantini – Planning Commission and Chair of the Chamber of Commerce Traffic Committee to speak on handling the growing traffic problem in HB.
2. AES Update - None
3. Potential Field Trips
  - a. ASCON
4. Public School Sale – No Update.
5. City Council/Planning Commission Agenda and Study Sessions – A review of the Beach/Edinger Corridor study is tentatively on the schedule.
6. Poseidon Update – The Coastal Commission has informed Poseidon that their proposal is incomplete and needs more work.

**VI. Administrative Items:**

1. Correspondence/News Articles/Announcements – Sue Marquez discussed an article about how some cities are providing loans for those who install solar panels. Berkeley and Palm Springs are both starting such programs.
2. The EB will have a booth at Rainbow Disposal's Huntington Beach Centennial Earth Day celebration. The event will be from 10 AM to 3 PM on Sunday April 19, 2009.
3. The next meeting will be on April 2, 2009 at 6:30 PM, City Hall Council Chambers.

**VII. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:03 PM.